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VANCE SPEECH: JAPANESE TELEVISION NETWORKS AND NEWSPAPERS GAVE  
MAJOR COVERAGE TO REPORTS ON SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S SPEECH  
IN NEW YORK BEFORE THE ASIA SOCIETY.

NHK-TV, TBS-TV AND FUJI-TV CARRIED REPORTS THURSDAY FROM  
THEIR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENTS ON THE VANCE SPEECH WITH EMPHASIS ON  
THE CHINA PROBLEM AND JAPAN'S ROLE AS AN ECONOMIC POWER. THE  
NETWORKS CARRIED VIDEOTAPES SHOWING VANCE DELIVERING HIS  
SPEECH BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CONTENTS WHICH DEALT WITH  
U.S. POLICY TOWARD ASIA.

NHK-TV SAID SECRETARY VANCE EXPRESSED U.S. INTENTION  
TO TAKE A POSITIVE STANCE TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH  
CHINA UNDER THE "ONE CHINA" PRINCIPLE OUTLINED IN THE SHANGHAI  
COMMUNIQUE. THE NETWORK EXPLAINED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
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APPEARS TO BE TAKING A MORE POSITIVE POSTURE ON  
NORMALIZING TIES WITH PEKING BECAUSE SECRETARY VANCE MADE NO  
MENTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN IN HIS SPEECH.

NHK SAID VANCE ALSO STRONGLY CALLED ON JAPAN TO INCREASE ECONOMIC  
AID TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ASIA. THE NETWORK SAID THE  
SECRETARY STATED THAT JAPAN'S AID HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SECURITY  
OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

TBS-TV SAID SECRETARY VANCE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S ROLE IN ASIA AND ASKED JAPAN TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO STIMULATE ITS ECONOMY AND EXPAND IMPORTS. THE NETWORK SAID A U.S. SPOKESMAN STATED THAT "THIS WAS A MILD CRITICISM AGAINST JAPAN."

FUJI-TV SAID SECRETARY VANCE'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH GAVE A GENERAL VIEW OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ASIAN POLICY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AMONG THE NEWSPAPERS, THE THURSDAY EVENING EDITIONS OF THE ASAHI, YOMIURI AND THE SANKEI GAVE TOP COVERAGE TO REPORTS FROM THEIR WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK CORRESPONDENTS ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VANCE SPEECH. THE HEADLINES EMPHASIZED THAT VANCE CALLED ON JAPAN TO PLAY A GREATER ECONOMIC ROLE AND EXPRESSED AMERICA'S POSITIVE POSTURE TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

THE ASAHI CARRIED A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

MURAKAMI WHICH SAID SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD ASIA WAS THE FIRST SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN JANUARY. THE REPORT SAID A U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT THE VANCE SPEECH IS THE "FRAMEWORK OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S KEY ASIAN DIPLOMACY."

THE ASAHI SAID THE MAIN POINTS OF THE VANCE SPEECH WERE "(1) THE U.S. WILL REMAIN AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER, (2) THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF PEACE IN EAST ASIA, (3) THE U.S. WILL SEEK NORMALIZATION WITH CHINA UNDER THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, (4) THE U.S. SEEKS TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA BY EXERTING ITS INFLUENCE AND (5) THE U.S. RECONFIRMS ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE ASAHI SAID AFTER PRAISING JAPAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS SECRETARY VANCE CALLED FOR GREATER JAPANESE EFFORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FIELD.

THE YOMIURI PUBLISHED A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OIKAWA WHICH SAID SECRETARY VANCE EMPHASIZED IN HIS SPEECH THAT "JAPAN IS IN A POSITION TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY BEFITTING ITS ECONOMIC STRENGTH" IN SEEKING A STRONGER JAPANESE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE IN ASIA.

ON THE CHINA PROBLEM, THE YOMIURI SAID VANCE HAS RE-EMPHASIZED THE "ONE CHINA" VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

THE YOMIURI SAID A SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINED AT A BACKGROUND BRIEFING THAT "THIS IS A SIGNAL WHICH EXPRESSED U.S. DETERMINATION TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS."

THE YOMIURI SAID, "THE OFFICIAL DISCLOSED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION GRASPS THE VANCE TRIP TO CHINA IN AUGUST AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION."

THE SANKEI CARRIED A REPORT FROM NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT MIYAMATO WHICH SAID, "THERE WAS NOTHING ESPECIALLY NEW IN THE VANCE SPEECH, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A GENERAL PICTURE OF AMERICA'S ASIAN POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED SINCE THE

EMERGENCE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION."

THE SANKEI REPORT STRESSED THE POSITIVE STANCE TAKEN BY THE U.S. TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEKING GOVERNMENT. THE REPORT ALSO STATED THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS WELCOMED JAPAN'S COMMITMENT TO DOUBLE ITS AID TO THE ASIAN AREA WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE MAINICHI AND THE NIHON KEIZAI ALSO GAVE PROMINENT PAGE ONE PLAY TO THE VANCE SPEECH.

THE MAINICHI CARRIED A REPORT FROM ITS WASHINGTON BUREAU WHICH SAID SECRETARY VANCE POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ECONOMIC POWER. THE REPORT SAID VANCE STATED THAT JAPAN SHOULD OPEN ITS MARKETS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN COUNTRIES AND TAKE STEPS TO EXPAND ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

AMONG THE FRIDAY MORNING EDITIONS, THE YOMIURI PUBLISHED AN INSIDE PAGE REPORT WHICH SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVES THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH CALLING ON JAPAN TO PLAY A STRONGER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE INDICATES THAT THE U.S. IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN CORRECTING THE U.S.-JAPAN TRADE IMBALANCE AND THE U.S. INTENDS TO ASK THIS COUNTRY TO ASSUME A GREATER ECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE DEFENSE SIDE.

THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE VANCE SPEECH IN THE FRIDAY MORNING EDITIONS. ITEM USIS TOKYO. UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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